

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

The examiner is in receipt of applicant's amendment received 4/10/2007, which was resultant of an interview to discuss the Board of Appeals decision reversing the examiner, but identifying a USC 112 issue (see **Board of Appeals decision 2007-0389** mailed 3/23/2007). The examiner has carefully considered applicant's amendment and does not find it persuasive; therefore, the amendment filed 4/10/2007 will not be entered. However, after discussions with Mr. Soloway the following examiner's amendment is provided along with the following reasons for allowance:

Examiner's Amendment


An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Norman Soloway on 4/8/2007.

The following amendment is to the claims provided 12/27/2004:

Claim 14 – line 1, delete the phrase "headquarters terminal" and insert--
network commerce system--

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Line ~~15~~, delete "a"

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Claim 15 – line 1, delete the phrase “producing/processing terminal” and insert-- network commerce system--

Line ⁸7, delete the phrase “from an orderer” and insert--from said orderer--

Line ¹⁵14, delete “a”

Claim 16 – In line 1, delete the phrase “An orderer terminal ^{for use}~~used~~ in”

Line 8, delete the phrase “from an orderer” and insert--from said orderer--

Line 15, delete “a”

Claim 17 – In line 1, delete the phrase “A payment terminal ^{for use}~~used~~ in”

Line 18, delete “a”

Reasons for Allowance

Claims 1-18 are allowed.

Independent claims 1, 14-18 contain the following allowable subject matter:

As noted on page 4 of Board of Appeals decision # 2007-0389, Garfinkle does not teach inter alia, a “headquarters terminal selectively determines the producing/processing terminal according to the received order”. Each of the independent claims recite a similar feature and the independent claims are allowed for this reason.